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In the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0019] and [0020] as follows:

[0019] Figure 3 shows a motor vehicle door lock as shown in Figure 2 in the main catch position, and

[0020] Figure 4 shows, in a perspective view, the motor vehicle door lock as shown in Figure 2 in the open position; and

[0020A] Figure 5 is a view corresponding to that of Figure 1, but showing a single-stage embodiment of the invention.

Please amend paragraph [0037] as follows:

[0037] Furthermore, in place of the worm wheel 14 or in addition to the worm wheel 14 there can be any gearing arrangement which, if necessary, has a stop 20 or several stops 20 anywhere. ~~It can also be envisioned that the~~ The resulting gearing can also be a ~~single-stage gearing as shown in Figure 5, and as a result the worm 15 meshes directly with the external teeth of the actuating element 13, so that the stop 20 preferably, as described above, is located on the worm 15 itself, i.e., the worm 15 has a blocking surface 15a that comes into blocking contact with the ratchet 2 when the ratchet 2 reaches the raised position.~~ Here, it is preferably provided, as in all conceivable embodiments, that the line of action of the striking force runs essentially through the ratchet.